

SOUTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.

The Trillium Health Resources Southern Regional Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., via WebEx call-in only.

Members Present: Virtual Only

Members Present via WebEx: Marty Cooke, Charlie Dunn, Louis Miller, Lea Wolf, Sheri Slater, David Stanley, Wes Stewart, Jimmy Farrington, Dr. Mollie Glen, Rob Zapple, Mary Ann Furniss.

Members Absent: Walter Scott, Danny Ellis, Kathy Webb, Lavern Coleman and Jimmy Farrington.

Staff Present: Cecelia Peers- Southern Regional Director,

Guests: Lisa Jackson-DHHS

CALL TO ORDER

Cecelia Peers called the meeting of the Trillium Southern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:05 p.m. on March 23, 2022.

- **BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**
- Louis Miller- Concern regarding school based therapy provider in Jones County not able to staff the needs of the school adequately. Trillium has been notified and is working with the school administration and provider to resolve the issue.
- Commissioner Dunn – Echoed concern raised by Louis Miller and provided contact for another provider that may offer SBT if current provider is not able to.
- Commissioner Cooke – No comments.
- Mary Ann Furniss- No comments outside of CFAC report.
- David Stanley- No comments.
- Lea Wolf- Worked with a care manager from a provider organization when a member was in the hospital and that was a good experience. TCM visited member in the ED and provided recommendations.
- Sheri Slater-She is retiring in June and Kari Sanders, current DSS Director, will take her place. Thanked the board for opportunity to work together.
- Dr. Mollie Glenn- No comments.
- Wes Stewart – No comments.
- Jimmy Farrington – No comments.
- Commissioner Zapple – Gov. Cooper just announced Medicaid Expansion is approved and he will sign the bill.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to adopt the March agenda and minutes from January 26, 2023 as written. David Stanley made a motion to adopt the agenda as written, with a second from Commissioner Dunn. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Mary Ann Furniss gave the following Governing Board Report: 1) the Governing Board heard a presentation on Value Added Services that will be available as part of Tailored Plan 2) the Governing Board voted for the employee bonus that was originally approved for delivery at TP launch in April, but will be provided outside of the TP launch date as Trillium is ready for launch; 3) Bland Baker, Northern Regional Director, retired and Bobbie Lowe has moved into that position; 4) Trillium is ready for TP launch but continues to on-board providers, which includes providers around the state and hospital systems; 5) LME/MCO's have done work together to improve services across the state, but it appears that the legislature is moving forward with a single statewide plan for children in foster care; 6) there have been some Mental Health Town Halls around the region, and one is potentially happening in Brunswick County with no details yet; 7) The Healing Place opened and New Hanover County had an opening event and May 11th Trillium will have a grand opening; 8) Trillium has opened 2 Oxford Houses and multiple mobile clinics open as well; 9) Trillium employee turnover rate is 7.5% and we are using some temp staff until TP go-live.

CFAC REPORT

Mary Ann Furniss gave the CFAC report: 1) CFAC membership is at 16 including our newest member from Jones County; 2) CFAC is attending the community's local collaborative; 3) There was a legislative day on 3/7 and Frank Messina, CFAC Chair, attended; 4) All 3 CFACs had a joint meeting in Greenville on March 18th, 2023 where Joy provided an update and the group identified transportation as the greatest need; 5) CFACs have a consistent form for communicating needs across the region; 6) Foster Care statewide plan was discussed and CFAC members wrote letters about keeping the plan local; 7) The Healing Place served around 130 people in their first month of service and have events planned for residents and the public throughout the year, 70% of residents are from NHC and most others are local to Trillium's catchment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cecelia Peers gave the Director's Report:

Cecelia Peers gave the Regional Director's Report: 1) Trillium Tailored Plan- Launch delayed until 10/1/23 due to not all LME/MCO's meeting readiness requirement, Trillium was ready but there were a large number of members who would not have had primary care coverage in other areas on 4/1/23 and all MCO's must be ready for TP launch; 2) Tailored Care Management went live on 12/1/23 and is plan based and provider based, care managers oversee the care plan and contact members regularly to maintain continuity of care; 3) Provider and hospital on-boarding continues to ensure the broadest coverage possible before TP launch; 4) Opioid Remediation Funding released for 2nd Round – Jones County Health Department, Bladen EMS, The Healing Place, Lifebridge (Bladen/Columbus) and Trillium will do big check presentations; 5)

Family Solutions Grants awarded to Boys and Girls Homes and Easter Seals covering southern region to recruit and onboard foster families; 6) Trillium attended Rural Summit with info on telehealth, broadband, and integrating telehealth specialists in primary care, and labor shortage; 7) Staff to attend Benchmarks summit with Assistant Secretary of DHHS and providers to hear more about TP; 8) legislation passed for medicaid expansion and bill on statewide foster care plan has moved to house for consideration; 9) 2 Inclusive Playgrounds in development for Bladen and Columbus counties; 10) THP Grand Opening Event 5/11 and paper invitations should have arrived; 11) Tribal Engagement is occurring and Cecelia and Dave Peterson met with Lumbee Tribal leadership and toured tribal grounds; 12) CIT, MHFA and QPR Training available to all counties.

Discussion around additional data points for children in DSS custody, including other inappropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Commissioner Zapple adjourned the meeting at 5:24pm. The motion was adopted by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,


Cecelia Peers, Southern Regional Director


Commissioner Rob Zapple, Chair

